

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

| ~~13.~~ (New) Protective pants configured so that virtually no fluid can escape from them comprising

a basic body (1), having an outer part (21) and an inner part (22) which are of substantially identical design, the inner part arranged in an interior of the outer part (21), the outer part and the inner part connected to one another at a waist region (9) and at leg openings (3, 4) of the protective pants and respectively having two mutually opposite side parts (7, 8) and a central part (10) arranged therebetween, the side parts (7, 8) each having a first border portion which is located in the waist region (9) extending away from ends of the first border portion, and a second border portion (15, 16)

wherein the central part (10) has longitudinal edges which are connected to the second border portions (15, 16) of the side parts (7, 8),

wherein the central part (10) runs through a crotch region of the protective pants, and has transverse edges (13) on free ends thereof, located in the waist region, one of the edges being at a front of the waist region and the other of the edges (13) being located at the rear of the waist region, the transverse edges (13) being located between the first border portions, a border of the waist region (9) comprising the transverse edges and the first border portions being connected to a waistband (2),

wherein the central part (10) is made up of a first and a second elongate section (11, 12) arranged one behind the other, the first elongated section (11) which is located on a front side of the protective pants is shorter than the second elongated section (12) which is located substantially in a rear side of the protective pants, the first and second elongated sections (11, 12), being connected together at an inner connecting location (14),

wherein said inner connecting location (14) is located at the front side of the protective pants.

2 14. (New) The protective pants as claimed in claim 13, wherein sealing strips (23) are provided which cover over seams (14, 15, 16) on an outer side of the inner pants (22)

produced by connecting the central part to the side parts and the first elongated section to the second elongated section.

3.15. (New) The protective pants as claimed in claim 13, wherein a peripheral contour of the central part (10) of the outer pants (21) and of the inner pants (22) is substantially in a form of an outline of an hourglass, a narrowest location (25) of the central part (10) is located directly in the crotch region of the protective pants, respective end portions of said narrowest location (25) are adjoined by widened sections (26, 27) of the central part (10), the transverse edges (13) of the central part (10) being respectively located on free ends of the widened sections (26, 27), and wherein the second border portions (15, 16) extend between the transverse edges (13) of the central part (10).

4.16. (New) The protective pants as claimed in patent claim 13, wherein a side of the central part (10) of the inner pants (22) is directed toward a user and has retaining means (30) for securing elongate liners (31, 32) located one above the other, a first part of the retaining means (30) is designed for accommodating the first liner (31), is configured as an elongate compartment, the longitudinal direction of said compartment coinciding with the longitudinal direction of the central part (10), said compartment being

formed by an upper wall (33) which engaged on an inner side of a central portion of the central part (10), the end portions of said upper wall (33) being located in the region of the widened sections (26, 27) of the central part (10).

5-17. (New) The protective pants as claimed in claim 4 16, wherein a profile of longitudinal borders of the upper wall (33) corresponds to a profile of the second border portions (15, 16) of the central part (10), said longitudinal borders of the upper wall (33) are connected to material of the central part (10) of the inner pants (22), an end edge (34) of the upper wall (33) located in the rear side of the protective pants and running transversely to the longitudinal direction of the central part (10), is connected to the material of the central part (10), a front edge (35) of the upper wall (33) located at the front side of the protective pants, is not connected to the central part (10).

6-18. (New) The protective pants as claimed in claim 4 16, wherein pockets (36, 37) are provided for the purpose of securing the second liner (32), the pockets being intended and designed for accommodating end portions of the second liner (32), said pockets being provided on the upper wall (33) of the compartment, one of the pockets (36, 37) being located at

one end of the upper wall (33) of the compartment, where the respective pocket is fastened.

7-19. (New) The protective pants as claimed in claim 13, wherein sealing strips (23) are provided in the region of the pants legs (3, 4) between the outer pants (21) and the inner pants (22), where they seal locations of the protective pants at which borders of the outer pants (21) and of the inner pants (22) rest against each other.